



HSAP Currents

DCSD Home School Assistance Program

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Welcome to the HSAP

The HSAP staff welcomes back all of the HSAP families from the 08/09 school year and welcome our many new families to this new school year. It is our job at the HSAP to help you provide the best education for your child. The teacher supervisors can help you to establish educational goals and objectives. We can provide district textbooks and supplement materials. The teacher supervisor can also assist in helping parents with a variety of teaching and learning techniques. We can help parents diagnose students learning strengths and weaknesses. Help in developing lesson plans, planning curriculum, interpreting test results, and assisting with record keeping can be provide by the teacher supervisor. Each of the four teacher supervisors have taught for at least 33 years. We are here to help you. So, if you have a problem or concern, just call and ask. The teacher supervisors are eager to help.

Mark Your Calendars...

for these great enrichment activities:

October 2, Friday:

11 AM-1PM

Bring your own sack lunch picnic at Marquette Park. Make kites with Cliff and John. Meet old friends, make new friends.

October 13, Tuesday:

Self-guided tour 2:30 PM

IMAX film 4 PM

From the World Adventure Series, view the film Inside the Tuscan Hills and explore the museum exhibits.

Adult tickets are \$4.50. HSAP students are free.

October 20, Tuesday

Museum tour 11:30 AM

IMAX film 12:30 PM

Mystery of the Nile IMAX film and exhibits, featuring the Egyptian Gallery tour. A guided tour of the exhibit begins at 11:30. an 11:15 arrival is suggested. At 12:30, the IMAX film, Mystery of the Nile, will be shown.

Adults tickets are \$7.00. HSAP students are free.

November 2, Monday

IMAX film 12:30 PM

View the IMAX film Van Gogh: Brush with Genius at 12:30. A 12:15 arrival time is suggested. Adults tickets are \$5. HSAP students are free.

November 12, Thursday

10 AM -12 Noon

The Figge is offering a special "Look and Do" tour in conjunction with the IMAX film Van Gogh: Brush with Genius. Students will discuss the expressive color and brush work used by Van Gogh and explore the same techniques used by modern artists. In the studio, students will use oil pastels to create a landscape or still life using expressive color.

Adults \$5. HSAP students free.

November 17, Tuesday

Self-guided tour 2:30 PM

IMAX film 4 PM

From the World Adventure Series, view the film Pacific Coast Top to Bottom and explore museum exhibits. Adult tickets are \$4.50. HSAP students are free.

Call your teacher supervisor to sign up for each event.

We must reserve space one week in advance so please call in ahead of time.

Davenport Home School Assistance Program Enrichment Opportunities for Home School Students 08-09 School Year

- 9/25/08 Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque
- 10/1/08 AEA Tour and Training for using AEA resources
- 10/7/08 Niabi Zoo Education Program: Predators
- 10/15/08 Putnam: Mysteries of the Nile, educational program
- 10/20/08 Visit to the International Eulenspiegel Puppet Theater to watch The Sorcerer's Apprentice
- 10/23/08 AEA Tour and Training for using AEA resources
- 11/12/08 Putnam: Predators, educational program
- 12/11/08 Figge Museum: Nature of Light, Duck Decoys, & Creative Activities
- 1/30/08 Putnam IMAX *World Adventure Series*, Venture to Alaska
- 2/3/09 Putnam IMAX *World Adventure Series*, Corsica & The Rivas
- 2/2/09, 2/9/09, 2/23/09, and 3/2/09
Computer Graphic and Ceramic experiences for home school students at Central High School: Four afternoons 3:15-6:00
- 3/10/09 Putnam IMAX *World Adventure Series*, St. Vincent & The Grenadines: Caribbean Jewels
- 4/1/09 Adler Theatre: Symphony Day
- 4/2/09 Scott Community College: Transition to College Workshops
- 4/16/09 Putnam: Under the Sea, educational program
- 4/22/09 Loud Thunder State Forest: Eco Day, preservation of soil and wetlands
- 4/29/09 Niabi Zoo Education Program: Communication
- 5/5/09 Scott County Recycling Center: limiting pollution/recycling Process Program
- 5/20/09 Niabi Zoo Education Program: Camouflage
- 5/28/09 Figge Museum of Art: Get to know John Bloome & Explore African Art
Also creative problem solving activities

**The above is a list of programs that we provided for our HSAP students last year.
We plan to continue our partnership with these excellent institutions.**

Educational and Fun Websites

If you are in need of new websites, try a search of the web sites listed at the various Davenport Schools Web Site. Those schools that list web sites are usually researched and maintained by that school's media specialist. To get to these sites go to the Davenport Schools Webpage at <http://www.davenport.k12.ia.us>. On the menu at the top of the page click on **Schools**. On the side menu select **School Web Sites**. Use the pop up menu to select a school. Harrison School has the most extensive list. Young Intermediate has a great site for Free (Fun) Typing Lessons.

Here is a list of other good keyboarding sites:

For beginners, try these:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/flash/stage1.shtml>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

For those in grades 3 through 5, try these:

<http://www.sense-lang.org/typing>

<http://www.computerlab.kids.new/keyboarding.htm>

For students with keyboarding experience and know the keys, try this one:

<http://www.typingmaster.com/individuals/bubbles.asp>

To improve your ITBS test taking skills, try this one:

<http://www.eduplace.com/kids/htm>

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please call Alison (336-5084) to be taken off the mailing list.

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Our On-Line Information is a Click Away

You can find the current newsletter and a calendar of events on the DCSD Home School website. Go to <http://www.davenportschools.com>. From the menu that you find at the top of the page, click on Support Services. Then click on Home School Services and Support. Finally, click on the blue square titled HSAP News. We hope that you are able to access this website and find the information useful.

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